

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for a telephone, comprising:
 - (a) a mechanical device associated with a conversation representation element;
 - (b) a memory, coupled to the mechanical device, for storing ~~an internal a~~ conversation element associated with a conversation representation and representing an audible utterance for a remote listener in an ongoing, interactive conversation in a quiet mode of the system;
 - (c) a processor~~[[,]]~~ coupled to the memory and to the mechanical device and including an audio generator, the processor~~[[,]]~~ for generating the audible utterance in response to a user interaction with the mechanical device during a user's use of the quiet mode and the conversation element; the conversation element; [[and]]
 - (d) a physical switch ~~second mechanical device associated with~~ for use by the user to switch between ending a said quiet mode and an active, direct audio input mode of the user, without putting the remote listener on hold,[[,]] wherein the processor, in response to user interaction with the ~~second mechanical device~~ the active, direct audio input mode, is configured to accept live vocalizations by the user into the telephone audible utterances from a party local to the telephone and to transmit the accepted audible utterances live vocalizations through the telephone;
 - (e) a connection adapted to deliver signals appropriate for telephone transmission in either one of the quiet mode or the active, direct audio input mode; and
 - (f) a recording device for recording audio input into the memory, wherein said audio input becomes associated with a conversation representation.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the mechanical device ~~includes~~ is a first button.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the connection is one of a direct electrical connection of signals, an electronically processed signal, an impedance matching circuit, an optical to electrical conversion, an infrared detection, and a muffled acoustic signal using an insulation. further comprising:
- (e) ~~an impedance matching circuit coupled to the processor.~~
5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
- (e) (g) an earpiece, coupled to the processor, for receiving the audible utterance and a voice of the remote listener.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
- (e) (g) an audio output for coupling to a mobile telephone input.
7. (Currently Amended) A system for a telephone, comprising:
- (a) a plurality of mechanical devices associated with a plurality of conversation representations elements;
- (b) a memory, coupled to the plurality of mechanical devices, for storing a plurality of ~~internal~~ conversation elements associated with the plurality of conversation representations and, each ~~internal~~ of said plurality of conversation elements representing an audible utterance to be transmitted to a remote listener in an ongoing, interactive conversation in a quiet mode of the system;

- (c) a processor[,] coupled to the memory and to the plurality of mechanical devices and including an audio generator, the processor for generating an audible utterance in response to a user selection of a mechanical device from the plurality of mechanical devices during the user's use of the quiet mode;
[[and]]
- (d) a physical switch for use by the user to switch between said quiet mode and an active, direct audio input mode of the user, without putting the remote listener on hold, wherein the active, direct audio input mode is configured to accept live vocalizations by the user into the telephone and to transmit the accepted live vocalizations through the telephone;
- (e) a connection adapted to deliver signals appropriate for telephone transmission in either one of the quiet mode or the active, direct audio input mode; and
- (f) a recording device for recording audio input into the memory, wherein said audio input becomes associated with a conversational representation.
- (g) ~~wherein the processor, in response to user interaction with the plurality of mechanical devices is configured to end a quiet mode and accept audible utterances from a party local to the telephone and transmit the accepted audible utterances through the telephone.~~

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements represents an audible utterance that is configured to disclose to the remote listener that ~~a local party~~ the user cannot conveniently speak, but wishes for the remote ~~[[user]]~~ listener to continue speaking.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements represents an audible utterance that is configured to respond to a query from the remote listener.
11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements represents an audible utterance that is configured to disclose to the remote listener that ~~a local party~~ the user is ending the conversation and will contact the remote listener at a later time.
12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the plurality of mechanical devices includes a touch screen displaying text associated with a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements.
13. (Currently Amended) A system for a telephone, comprising:
- (a) a plurality of mechanical devices associated with a plurality of conversation elements representations;
 - (b) a memory, coupled to the plurality of mechanical devices, for storing a plurality of ~~internal~~ conversation elements, each said internal conversation element associated with one of said plurality of conversation representations and representing an audible utterance to be transmitted to a remote listener in an ongoing, interactive conversation in a quiet mode of the system;
 - (c) a processor, coupled to the memory and to the plurality of mechanical devices and including an audio generator, the processor for generating an audible utterance in response to a user selection of a mechanical device from the plurality of mechanical devices during a user's use of the quiet mode; ~~wherein a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements represents an audible utterance that is configured to elicit a verbal response from the remote listener; and~~

~~(d) wherein the processor, in response to user interaction with the plurality of mechanical devices is configured to end a quiet mode and accept audible utterances from a party local to the telephone and transmit the accepted audible utterances through the telephone.~~

(d) a physical switch for use by the user to switch between said quiet mode and an active, direct audio input mode of the user, without putting the remote listener on hold, wherein the active, direct audio input mode is configured to accept live vocalizations by the user into the telephone and to transmit the accepted live vocalizations through the telephone;

(e) a connection adapted to deliver signals appropriate for telephone transmission in either one of the quiet mode or the active, direct audio input mode; and

(f) a recording device for recording audio input into the memory, wherein said audio input will be associated with a conversational representation.

14. (Cancelled)